

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 03-126

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company for approval of a Rate Reconciliation and Adjustment filing.

On December 1, 2003, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (collectively, "MECo" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a rate reconciliation and adjustment filing ("Reconciliation Filing") with proposed transition charges pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e). MECo proposed effective January 1, 2004: (1) an average transition charge of \$0.00779 per kilowatthour ("KWH"), (2) an average transmission service charge of \$0.00587 per KWH (3) a default service adjustment factor credit of negative \$0.00002 per KWH; (4) a standard offer base rate of \$0.05100 (which is in addition to the base standard offer service fuel adjustment of \$0.01424 for a total of \$0.06524); (5) a demand-side management charge of \$0.00250 per KWH; and (6) a renewables charge of \$0.00050 per KWH. The Company's last Reconciliation Filing, Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 02-79, was approved subject to further reconciliation.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments on this petition should file as follows: an original with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary; five (5) copies with the Hearing Officer, John J. Geary; one (1) copy with Stephen Crowley, Analyst, Rates and Revenues Division; one (1) copy with Sean Hanley, Assistant Director, Rates and Revenues Division; and on the service lists in Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-25 (1996), and D.T.E. 02-79. The original and copies should be delivered to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Wednesday, December 17, 2003.

All comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and john.geary@state.ma.us or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 03-126), (2) name of the person or company submitting the comments, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be

written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a “.wpd” suffix), in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a “.doc” suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a “.pdf” suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department’s Website, [< http://www.mass.gov/dpu >](http://www.mass.gov/dpu) .

A copy of the Company’s filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public viewing during business hours. Copies are also on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts 01582-0099. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company’s filing should contact Amy G. Rabinowitz, at (508) 389-2000. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.

MECo is required to serve a copy of this Notice upon the service lists of D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-25, D.T.E. 02-79, and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company no later than December 12, 2003. MECo is required to make return of service at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary